

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(Currently amended)* Method for making a foundation member in the ground, in which comprising the steps of:

- introducing into a soil area a soil working implement having a drilling string with a soil auger thereon used for loosening the soil material is introduced into a in the soil area,
- using a mixing device having mixing paddles located on the drilling string, mixing the loosened soil material in the soil area is mixed with a liquid to form a settable suspension,
- removing from a first section of the soil area into which the soil working implement is introduced, at least a part of the suspension comprising the mixture of the loosened soil material with the liquid, and for generating a suction effect in the first section of the soil area,
- returning at least part of the removed suspension including a part of the loosened soil material to a second section of the soil area, and
- following the removing and returning steps, hardening the suspension in the soil area the suspension is hardened to form the foundation member;

wherein

~~— prior to hardening suspension is removed from a first section of the soil area and~~

~~— at least part of the removed suspension is returned to a second section of the soil area~~

the removing and returning steps bring about a suspension circulation in the soil area leading to a particularly good intermixing of the suspension.

2. *(Original)* Method according to claim 1, wherein the removed suspension is treated prior to return.

3. *(Original)* Method according to claim 1, wherein the removal and return of the suspension are performed continuously.

4. *(Original)* Method according to claim 1, wherein the loosening and mixing of the soil material are carried out at the same time by the soil working implement.

5. *(Original)* Method according to claim 1, wherein the first section of the soil area is positioned above the second section of the soil area.

6-10. *(Withdrawn)*

11. *(Currently amended)* Method for making a foundation member in the ground, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a device for making a foundation member in the ground, comprising:

- a soil working implement including a drilling string having a soil auger thereon for loosening soil material in a soil area,

- a supply device for supplying a liquid to the loosened soil material and
- a mixing device including paddles located on the drilling string for mixing

the loosened soil material in soil area with the liquid to form a settable suspension,

- a removal device for removing at least a part of the suspension including at least a part of the loosened soil material from a first section of the soil area into which the soil working implement is introduced, and for generating a suction effect in the first section of the soil area, and

- a return device for returning at least part of the removed suspension to a second section of the soil area,

(b) introducing the soil working implement into a soil area to loosen the soil material therein,

(c) supplying liquid to the loosened soil material in the soil area using the supply device,

(d) mixing the loosened soil material in the soil area with the liquid, using the mixing device, to form a settable suspension,

- (e) hardening the suspension in the soil area to form the foundation member, wherein,
- (f) prior to hardening, at least a part of the suspension including at least a part of the loosened soil material is removed from a first section of the soil area into which the soil working implement is introduced, using the removal device, and
- (g) at least part of the removed suspension including at least a part of the suspension comprising the mixture of the loosened soil material with the liquid is returned to a second section of the soil area, using the return device; and
wherein the removing step (f) and the returning step (g) bring about a suspension circulation in the soil area leading to a particularly good intermixing of the suspension.

12. (*Original*) Method according to claim 11, comprising the further step of treating the removed suspension prior to return in step (g).

13. (*Original*) Method according to claim 11, wherein the removal of step (f) and the return of the suspension of step (g) are performed continuously.

14. (*Original*) Method according to claim 11, wherein the loosening and mixing of the soil material of steps (b) and (d) are carried out at the same time by the soil working implement.

15. *(Original)* Method according to claim 11, wherein the first section of the soil area is positioned above the second section of the soil area.

16. *(New)* Method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of regulating the height of rise of the suspension in the soil area so as to keep it at least approximately constant.

17. *(New)* Method according to claim 6, wherein the height of rise in the soil area is regulated by an electronic control.

18. *(New)* Method according to claim 1, wherein in the step of removing at least a part of the suspension, the suspension is removed directly below a height of rise of the suspension in the soil area.